

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system,~~
method, comprising the steps of:

providing wherein a plurality of units of at least one of portable heating
units and portable cooling units ~~are provided on lease from an administrator side~~
to a user side; [,]

monitoring each of the ~~plurality of units is monitorable~~ via a network
including at least one of the Internet and an intranet [,] ~~further wherein to~~
identify a variation in an amount of heating or cooling used by the user from
each unit of the ~~plurality of units is monitored~~ at an administrator side of the
network; [,]

determining on the administrator side at least one of a determination of
whether to change ~~at least one of~~ a number of units provided to the user and a
~~unit capacity of whether to replace~~ at least one of the units by a unit of different
capacity is based on the monitored variation in the amount of heating and/or
cooling used by the user; [,]

directing execution of the determined unit change and/or replacement
from the administrator side; and

varying wherein, for units leased by the user, the user's unit lease charges
are based on ~~one of the monitored variation in the total~~ amount of heating and
cooling used by the user ~~and a charge for maintenance of from~~ the leased units.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~
method according to claim 13, wherein, ~~for units leased by the user,~~ the user's
lease charges are based on the monitored total amount of heating and/or cooling
used by the user and a charge for maintenance of the leased unit or units.

16. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~
method according to claim 13, wherein in the determining step, the
administrator side determines the determination of whether to change at least
one of an increase in the a number of units provided to the user and replacement
of at least one of the units by a unit with a larger heating and/or cooling capacity
~~of at least one of the units is required~~ based on the number of times a load of at
least one of the plurality of units exceeds a predetermined load.

17. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~
method according to claim 13, wherein in the determining step, the
administrator side determines the determination of whether to change at least
one of a decrease in the a number of units provided to the user and replacement
of at least one of the units by a unit with a smaller heating and/or cooling
capacity of at least one of the units is required based on the number of times a
load of at least one of the plurality of units is below a predetermined load.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~
according to claim 13, wherein ~~a user is the portable heating and/or cooling units~~
provided by ~~an~~ the administrator ~~with a plurality of~~ are self-contained portable
heating and/or cooling units, each equipped with an evaporative condenser and
allowing a heat pumping cycle or refrigeration cycle to be performed in the unit
except heat rejection or absorption to heat or cool a secondary load side, ~~wherein~~
~~an amount of heating and/or cooling by each unit used by the user or a variation~~
~~in the amount of heating and/or cooling is monitored at an administrator side via~~
~~a network including at least one of the Internet and an intranet, further wherein~~
~~a determination of whether to change at least one of a number of units provided~~
~~to the user and a unit capacity of at least one of the units is based on the~~
~~monitored variation in the amount of heating or cooling used by the user.~~